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REVISED NORMS FOR ADMISSION IN B.ED. COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has revised the norms for admission and recruitment of teachers in B.Ed. colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for lowering the eligibility marks for the course and basic qualification for principals;and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of teaching in B.Ed. colleges?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a) & (b) The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has,vide NCTE (Recognition Norms & Procedure) Regulations, 2007 notified on 10 December, 2007, revised the norms for admission of students to B.Ed. programme and qualification for appointment of academic staff in colleges imparting such programmes.The norms, inter alia, provide that candidates with at least 45% marks, either in the Bachelor's Degree and/or in the Master's degree or any otherqualification equivalent thereto, are eligible for admission to the programme.The norms relating to qualification for post of Principal and other teaching faculty have also been revised under the said Regulation.

(c) The Norms and Standards for B.Ed. Courses notified on 18.11.2002 alongwith the Regulations, 2002 prescribed 45% as the minimum marks in Bachelor / Master degree for admission to B.Ed. Course.This was subsequently raised to 50% in the Norms and Standards for B..Ed. Course notified on 21.07.2006.Due to references received from several states for lowering the minimum marks to 45% and restoring it to the norms of 2002, the Norms notified by NCTE in 2007 have restored the position stipulated in 2002.

Acute shortage of candidates with Ph.Ds in Education discipline and insufficient number of candidates having Masters' degree with M.Ed, led to a large number of vacancies at various level in B.Ed. Colleges.In view of various suggestions received for lowering of basic qualifications for Principals, the norms and qualification requirement were relaxed to allow persons holding Master's Degree with B.Ed. (55% marks) for appointment as lecturer in B.Ed. Colleges.

(d) The NCTE continuously strives to ensure adherence to its Regulations, norms and standards by the various teacher training institutions, so as to maintain the desired quality in such institutions.In this direction, the Regulation of 2007 has stipulated that institutions running secondary level teacher training programmes like B.Ed. and B.P.Ed., would have to obtain accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with a 'letter grade B' developed by NAAC before seeking additional intake in these programmes.